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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Huy K. Mai

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 October 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

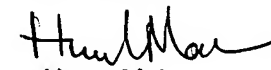
Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 October 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.


Huy Mai
Primary Examiner

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1-5, 8-10, 13-16, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lindahl (6,938,277).

The limitations in claims 1-5, 8-10, 13, 14, 16, 18 and 19 are shown in Lindahl's Figs. 43, 44 and column 19, line 62 through column , line 18. Lindahl discloses an eyecup 521 for use with eyewear 523 having one or more lenses 530, said eyecup 521 comprising a front surface adapted to mate with a frame portion 525 of said eyewear, and a rear contoured surface 557 which is shaped to substantially contact an area of the face of the wearer, said area comprising the bone structure proximate the eyes of the wearer, the eyecup also comprising one or more lenses 549 mounted therein (See Fig. 44, column 20, lines 34-44).

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Regarding claim 15, Lindahl (column 26, lines 24-29) discloses a sealing gasket 825.

Regarding claim 5, Lindahl (column 26, lines 34-37) discloses the seal coating 825 can be applied to the rear of any eyewear member (eyecup).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 6, 7, 11, 12 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lindahl (6,938,277).

Regarding claims 6 and 7, Lindahl (Figs. 43, 44 and column 19, line 62 through column , line 18) discloses an eyecup 521 for use with eyewear 523 having one or more lenses 530, said eyecup 521 comprising a front surface adapted to mate with a frame portion 525 of said eyewear, and a rear contoured surface 557 which is shaped to substantially contact an area of the face of the wearer, said area comprising the bone structure proximate the eyes of the wearer, the eyecup also comprising a seal coating 825 applied to the rear surface of the eyecup. However Lindahl does not mention the material of the seal coating. Since one material has properties better than another material, it would have been obvious to a worker having general skill in this art to select a known material on the basis of its suitability for intended use as a matter of obvious design choice. *In re Leshin*, 125 USPQ 416.

Regarding claims 11 and 12, Lindahl (column 25, lines 7-11) discloses ventilation apertures 717, but does not discuss a filter for covering the ventilation aperture. It was commonly

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known to those ordinary skill in the art that a foam as a filter to cover ventilation apertures for preventing the eye from ingress. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to those having ordinary skill in the art to utilize a foam as a filter to cover ventilation apertures, as common knowledge for the purpose recognized in the art of Lindahl, as discussed above.

Regarding claim 17, Lindahl discloses the combination of a conventional pair of eyeglasses and an eyecup including lenses being of tinted or prescription lenses. It is known that a sunglass lens could be a tinted or polarized. Therefore, it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to those having ordinary skill in this art to modify the lens in the Lindahl reference as a polarized lens as tinted lens in the combination of a conventional pair of eyeglasses and an eyecup including lenses. In another word, the limitations in claim 17 are unpatentable over the Lindahl's combination of a conventional pair of eyeglasses and an eyecup including lenses.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

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however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huy Mai whose telephone number is (571) 272-2334. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky L. Mack can be reached on (571) 272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1562.



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